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August and September 1948

1. There was intensive day and night flying with fighters and twin and three-engine aircraft at the airfield southwest of BOBRUISK (29°13'E/53°5'N), White Russian SSR.
2. Parachuting in groups of six to seven paratroopers from each plane was performed every evening.

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Until July 1948

3. The airfield 6,600 feet south of BOBRUISK was about 6,600 x 10,000 feet. Large three-story barracks buildings were located on the eastern edge of the field. According to Soviet soldiers, hangars were also available.
4. Day and night parachuting was observed.
5. The field was occupied by single-engine low-wing monoplanes, ground attack aircraft, twin-engine Douglas planes, and biplanes.

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May 1946 and summer of 1947

6. The airfield was located about 6,000 feet southwest of the town, 5,000 feet west of the Berezina River. There was intensive flying with fighters, bombers, transport aircraft of various types, and biplanes.
7. Individual and group parachute jumps (up to 12 paratroopers jumping from one plane) were observed.

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June - October 1948

8. The BOBRUISK airfield was occupied by about 150 aircraft, mostly twin-engine bombers with double rudder assembly and nose wheel. These planes were flying mostly in formations and frequently released bombs over a bombing practice ground in the vicinity of the field.
9. Parachuting from twin-engines Douglas aircraft was also observed. Seven to eight paratroopers jumped from each plane in two approach flights.

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May - July 1948

10. Two hundred to two hundred and fifty aircraft, mostly bombers, were counted at the field, about 1 mile southwest of the PW camp. Parachuting and bomb releasing were practiced almost every day. Group jumps of from 25 to 150 paratroopers from an altitude of about 1,000 feet were observed in all weather.

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